

Virginia: At the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Chilhowie held at the Municipal Building, Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Honorable Gary L. Heninger, Mayor Presiding; Councilors James B. Bonham, III, Bill Clear, Brent Foster, Kelly Spencer-Hill, Lewis Shortt and Cathy M. Smith.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. William C. Boswell, Jr., Town Manager; Mrs. Marlene L. Henderson, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer; Mr. Paul Cassell, Town Attorney; Messrs. C. David Haynes, Fire Chief; Jay Keen, Public Works Director and Stephen Price, Chief of Police.

Mayor Heninger called the meeting to order. Ms. O'Mera gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Cathy Smith, second by Kelly Spencer-Hill Council adopts the regular March 13, 2014 and the Emergency Special Meeting March 13, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Citizen's Time:

Gener Gotiangco appeared before Council to discuss the CPV Smyth Project. He stated that he is with CPV Competitive Power Ventures and he is a Mechanical Engineer from Virginia Tech and he has been in the business of design, construction and operation of power plants like they are developing in Atkins for twenty-four years. Mr. Gotiangco stated that CPV Smyth is a 700 mega-watt combined cycled natural gas plant and in 2011 they arrived in Smyth County following a ten year absents and there is a significant need in APCO service territory and a desire to diversify APCO coal portfolio. He stated that the CPV Company has a national footprint and own, operate and develop gas across the U.S. Most recently the 700 mega-watt plant in California went into operation last year and they broke ground of the New Jersey plant therefore they have a lot of experience.

Mr. Gotiangco stated that they ran an ad in the local newspaper for a Public Hearing for DEQ and is inviting the local communities to come out and they are there to answer any questions as well as DEQ and get to know more about the project. He invited everyone out to get to know the CPV team as well as learn more about the project itself. Mr. Gotiangco stated that there is a lot of activity to the project that depends on the community communications and support. This project is about an \$800 million dollar project and after the construction periods it will generate \$100's of millions of dollars in revenue. In its first year of operation is will generate about \$5

million dollars in tax revenue. From the perspective of an energy company they are here because there is a need for the energy and Smyth County is an ideal location with great resources and with this is extraordinary economic benefits.

Mr. Gotiangco stated that this past summer Appalachian Power Company tried to restructure one of its pan company's affiliates tried to transfer two forty year old coal plants in West Virginia into the Virginia rate base. Frankly CPV was not considered as an option and they challenged it and the Corporation Commission, Attorney General's office, Industrial Group as well as the State Corporation staff joined CPV in the opposition and they did prevail. Mr. Goitiangco stated that last month APCO is trying to reacquire the plant by transferring it to an affiliate and then merging with the affiliate. Because it is a multi-state issue with a utility that spans over seven states and it is not a simple matter that can be communicated easily, they welcome the public participation.

Mr. Clear inquired as to how many employees would be required just for the construction. Mr. Gotiangco stated that concerning a project like this there is a need for 400 employees for 36 months. He stated that the site is very unique and it is a very tight access on the top of a hill but his first project in upstate New York was very much like this. During operation there is a significant economic impact with the tax base about \$4 million dollars but these gas plants are very efficient there will be 30 people supervising the plant operations and they are nationally recruited. They are very well paid and a very well skilled work force; the individual impacts are minimal but the economic impact is significant. Mr. Bonham inquired as to how they cool the plant, what source of water is used. Mr. Gotiangco stated that one of the first major concerns was the impact of water, but they realized the water issues and went to an air cooled plant. He stated that Smyth County and the Town of Marion has sufficient water supplies during construction without impairing the water supplies to the additional consumers.

Mr. Bonham inquired if the hot water can be used for any other uses such as district heating or cooling. Mr. Gotiangco stated that the unique thing about utility scale plants the Federal Commission regulators prohibits anything other than the sale of power to the grid, it is a security issue. Supplying power to a neighbor or co-generation is prohibited by law. Mr. Clear inquired if they would be selling power to APCO. Mr. Gotiangco confirmed. Mr. Clear inquired if the power can be sold cheaper than what they can bring it from West Virginia for. Mr. Gotiangco confirmed and stated that they are a competitive company and they can offer competitive prices to APCO. Mr. Clear inquired if there is a gas line that they will be able to tap into. Mr. Gotiangco confirmed and stated the gas line is 1.5 miles from the plant's location. He stated that the gas company is building the line to the plant's location therefore it is a separate project.

Beverly Haddock with the Smyth County Humane Society appeared before Council to plea for assistance with their 2014 budget. Their mission is to promote responsible pet ownership and the humane treatment of animals throughout the County. Ms. Haddock stated that they do so via educating children, community members, community projects and assistance with spaying and neutering animals in the County who would not be spayed or neutered otherwise. She stated that they do run a transport and work very closely with the Margret Mitchell Clinic in Bristol. Ms.

Haddock stated that since they became active in the community the euthanasia rate has decreased by 41% this year.

Ms. Haddock stated that they are like a lot of other 501(C) (3); they are hurting for money this year because they are losing two grants that they have had the past several years. She stated that they are going back to the County as well as all of the Towns and requesting financial assistance for their continued efforts in this area. Ms. Haddock stated that they are looking toward the future and attempting to keep the budget where it is so they do not have to decrease their efforts in terms of the spay and neuters. She stated that budgets are tight everywhere and it is a difficult for everyone everywhere but the Town of Chilhowie needs to be made aware of what the Smyth County Humane Society is doing for the community.

Greg Vannoy with Mount Rogers Planning District Commission appeared before Council to introduce Gavin Blevins, a recent graduate of Virginia Tech and he will be handling the project that is under way. Mr. Vannoy stated that they must have a facilitated planning session with the Department of Housing and Community Development representatives. One of the DHCD representatives will come and sit down and develop a work plan and they assign numbers to each of the tasks that were outlined in the original application. Mr. Vannoy stated that the budget sheet that was submitted is for the activities that they would like to complete. He stated that the major expenses are the preliminary engineering report and the preliminary architecture report. There is also a Request for Qualifications for a Marketing Developing Consultant and for Engineering Architecture services.

Mr. Vannoy stated that they would run the Request for Qualification ads with the Town Council's permission, but they will collect the applicants that submit their information by the end of the month and they will met with the Town, focus group and management team and rank the applicants. He stated that they must be ranked first on qualifications instead of cost. Mr. Vannoy stated that they have allocated \$10,000 for the economic restructuring plan which will consist of meeting with the Town's business owners and conduct zip code surveys to determine where the needs are based on the number of sales over a three or four day period. He stated that they will set up near interstate and see where folks are coming from and where they are stopping and they will also interview focus groups; high school focus groups, citizens' focus group and business owner focus groups. Mr. Vannoy stated that they will compile all of the data and convert it into a big master plan.

Mr. Vannoy stated that the Marketing Developing Consultant and the Engineering Architect will come in and conduct a blanket study on the whole downtown area and those numbers that is developed from there will be the backbone of the application that will be submitted next March. He stated that they want to have the ads done by the end of April, by the end of May select two firms, during June get them under contract and then over the summer and part of the fall they can conduct their research and data collection; late fall and winter they can present their presentations to the Council and the citizens and tweak what they have. Mr. Foster inquired if the Consultant and Engineer Architect will receive any feedback from the business owners. Mr. Vannoy confirmed and stated that they may have the greatest ideas in the world but if the folks

that own the buildings does not want to do it then...it has to be community driven. Everyone must be on board and it is a huge factor when the application is being scored.

Mr. Vannoy stated that part of the focus group will be directed towards the Farmer's Market and the different locations and concepts, but it has to be community driven. The Apple Festival folks and C.O.A.C.H. have to be onboard with the ideas and it really must be a community idea. Mr. Vannoy stated that April 22nd at 3 p.m. the facilitated planning session will be held in the Community Room upstairs. He stated that they could print an article in the newspaper to get the community involved and get some people in the planning session. Mr. Vannoy stated that there is a good opportunity for a lot of money to be spent in Southwest Virginia in the next few years, Tobacco Commission and ARC Funds and Chilhowie should have some of it.

Motion by Kelly Spencer-Hill, second by Brent Foster Council approves the Ads for publishing. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Lynn Pease appeared before Council to report on the progress of the Chilhowie Library for the month of March. Mr. Pease reported that there were five children's programs with an attendance of seventy-three children. There were two programs canceled due to the snow days. Mr. Pease stated that circulation was 9.18% increase from last year and the overall circulation was 74% from year to date. Summer programs are pretty much set for the children. Mr. Pease reminded everyone of the Candidate Forum on April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Chilhowie High School Auditorium.

David Gary from 1172 West Lee Highway appeared before Council representing the Chilhowie Ministerial Association. He stated that as an Association they sought to use the Old High School to hold some Holy Week services, to have some community building services. Mr. Gary stated that after some discussion they were advised that they could not rent the Old High School because the facility cannot be used for religious purposes. The phrase used by several Pastors was "I am stunned." He stated that he is stunned by a Town who on the website has a picture of a Church; he is stunned by a Town who begins the meetings with worship and prayer. Mr. Gary stated that he is stunned by a Town who fosters so many Churches and Church activities to say that a person cannot use the Old High School for religious purposes.

Mr. Gary stated that he sought a better understanding and was referred to the Town minutes of December 2011 and was sent a copy of the policy for the Old High School building and the policy states in item number three that the Old High School cannot be used as a place of worship. He stated that they believe that the policy is both legally and morally wrong. Mr. Gary stated that according to the minutes of December 2011 it is the most important requirement for this Old High School being a public building and receiving public funding it cannot be used as a place of worship. He stated that they do not believe that is correct or accurate. Even today there is a new

Church meeting in the High School, a public building sustained by public funds. Mr. Gary inquired as to what the problem is because they do not know.

Mr. Gary stated that they also see that it is wrong because it discriminates against one group while allowing other groups to use the building. They believe that it is wrong due to the basis of discrimination and on the basis of religion it is not only legally wrong but it is also morally wrong. Mr. Gary stated that they are requesting the Town Council to review the rental policy and remove any and all references and stipulations denying the use of the building for Church or religious purposes. He stated that the Town Council should be seeking more ways to use the building and not putting unfair restrictions on its use. It is a building that is owned by the Town's people and it has added value to the Town and should be sought to use to the fullest potential and not with discriminatory restrictions. Mr. Gary stated that they are requesting the Town Council to change the policy so that the Old High School can be used by the Churches and religious organizations in the same manner that every other groups uses it. He stated that it is only fair and only just to change the rules.

Shirley Little from Auburn Lane appeared before Council to inquire as to why the Circus was cancelled so suddenly on Saturday morning. She stated that the public was asking her and she needed answers. Mr. Boswell stated that the Town was going through the process to approve the Circus by ensuring they had the proper insurance as well as getting approved by the Town Council and before they got to that point it was discovered the stores and other businesses in Town as far away as Glade were flooded with announcements that the Circus was coming. He stated that the owner had hired someone to advertise and once he started the owner lost control of it therefore it was being advertised before it was ever approved. Mr. Boswell stated that they had such a short time frame Council did not choose to hold an emergency meeting to decide whether or not to allow the Circus to be in Town. He stated that the Circus has been contacted in attempts to come to Town; they seem to be a good business to have in Town.

Mrs. Little stated that they were discussing cleaning up the Town and there is mess at Branson's Construction, there is an old house that burned down and it is just sitting there and there are a few other houses that just sit there and the wall at the motel has been torn down. She stated that tourist coming off I-81 and the first thing they see is an old house that was burned down and another house just sitting there. Mrs. Little stated that as she drives through Town she sees people advertising their yard sales with tops off their tote boxes tacked on the phone poles. She stated that the thrift store has an advertisement there for their shop. Mrs. Little stated that when she advertised her business there were stipulations that the sign had to abide by, therefore she inquired as to why one is allowed to do it and another is not.

Mrs. Little inquired as to how much the port-o-potties are costing the Town each month that is placed at the Recreation Park. She stated that the restrooms are available and there is money still being spent on the port-o-potties. Mrs. Little stated that she has been commenting on the park for three or four years now and all that is over there are a few little swings and hobby horses. She suggested taking the money from the port-o-potties and investing it on the bathhouse. Mrs. Little stated that she goes past the park every day and there are kids out there playing, it is a great and beautiful place and there should be more interest and priority placed on that.

Public Works:

Town Manager Bill Boswell reported on the following items:

- **Update on status of Water/Sewer Capital Projects:** The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project has been closed out with DEQ.
- **Burn Building:** The Burn Building is complete. There is a punch list being developed by The Lane Group for submission to Fire Programs for the final payments.
- **Bonham House Railing:** There is a contractor that will inspect the roof on the three different levels to determine the adequacy to install the railing that is being quoted to the Town. Mrs. Spencer-Hill inquired if the updated quote has been received for the railing. Mr. Boswell stated that there are some additional items that have to be installed on the roof to support the railing. He stated that first the roof must be approved to support the railings and then he can obtain the updated quote.
- **Smyth County Tourism Association Liability Agreement:** The Agreement was hand delivered to the Director of the Tourism Association. He stated that the Agreement was then given to the Chairman of the Board who is Mayor Helms and no further action has been taken at this time.

Motion by Cathy Smith, second by Brent Foster Council continues this matter. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Fire and Police:

Mr. Boswell reported that the brush truck was involved in an accident while fighting a brush fire in Saltville on Crewey Hollow Road on January 31, 2014. The insurance company has declared the brush truck a total loss. He reported that the insurance company gave a two tiered offer, one was for them to retain the chassis and the other was for the Fire Department to retain the chassis. Mr. Boswell stated that the total to the Fire Department if the insurance company keeps the chassis is \$30,663.00 and to replace the brush truck and obtain and install the rear portion it will cost \$32,945.10 to reinstall that truck with the \$30,663.00 contribution from the insurance company. Mr. Boswell stated that this is the second offer made by the insurance company. He stated that first offer was considerably less because the insurance company did not take into consideration the fact the Fire Department is going to keep the rear end of the truck and convert that to a new chassis.

Mr. Boswell stated that there were some initial thinking by Chief Haynes that the Fire Department could go to a lesser truck but there have been some brush fires since then that have reinforced the need for the vehicle. Mr. Foster inquired if there was anything in the Fire Department fund for the \$32,945.10. Mr. Boswell stated that it is not a budgeted item. Mr. Foster inquired if this could be something for next year's budget or does it have to be done this year. Mr. Boswell stated that since it is so close to the next fiscal year it could be a part of next year's budget if it is done early in the year. Mayor Heninger inquired if the quote was from

Mountain Ford. Chief Haynes confirmed and stated that they are \$3,000 cheaper than another vendor. Mayor Heninger stated that this truck needs to be shopped around for. Chief Haynes stated that the size of the chassis is not on State Contract.

Mrs. Spencer-Hill inquired as to where the funding would come from if this was purchased during the current budget year. Mayor Heninger inquired as to how quick does the insurance company need an answer. Mr. Boswell stated that the Fire Department can settle with the insurance company rather quickly and get the rear part removed, they would have to find a place to store it. Mayor Heninger inquired if there is no way this truck can be repaired. Mr. Clear inquired if the chassis can be used in any other way; there is a need for a truck at the shop, there is one almost completely gone. Mr. Bonham inquired if it is drivable. Mr. Boswell stated that it is drivable but the chassis is not square any more. He stated that once the insurance declares it a total loss and the Department keeps the chassis he is not sure if it can be insured again. Mrs. Henderson stated that it cannot be insured again by VML Insurance since the claim is being paid as a total loss. Mayor Heninger stated that it would have a salvage title then.

Motion by Brent Foster, second by Cathy Smith Council refers this matter to the Fire and Police Committee or Finance Committee. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Mr. Boswell reported that there are two recommended Code changes to the Town Code Article 1 and Article 2. He stated that he would recommend this matter be referred to the Fire and Police Committee and allow the Town Attorney to review them. There are some matters that are not included in Article 2 that should be there according to the Town Attorney.

Motion by Lewis Shortt, second by Jim Bonham Council refers this matter to the Fire and Police Committee. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Finance and Personnel:

Town Manager Bill Boswell reported on the following items:

- **Back Pack Program:** Mrs. Smith reported that as of Wednesday the account balance was \$215.42 which is enough for one more Friday. She stated that Mrs. Gentry is working with some donations of food and money from the community. Any help would be greatly appreciated to carry out the back pack program until the end of the school year. Mr. Boswell inquired as to who the donations should be made to. Mrs. Smith stated that they should be made to Chilhowie Middle School Back Pack Program.

Mr. Foster inquired about the back pack program during the summer. Mrs. Smith stated that they do not have a program during the summer, but many of the Churches have provided bagged lunches for the kids if the families will accept them. She stated that

Chilhowie Christian Church has helped out with the Back Pack Program tremendously. Mr. Foster inquired if they can find out how the budget is during the summer meetings for the program. Charlie Doane stated that they could contact Dawn Kegley with the Chilhowie Christian Church.

Motion by Cathy Smith, second by Bill Clear Council continues this matter. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

- **Request for \$100 from CHS Baseball:** Mr. Boswell reported that Council requested to determine if there is a sign in place at the CHS baseball field concerning the request for \$100. He stated that the sign is in place and the Town did donate \$100 last year. Mr. Boswell stated that there has also been a request from the CHS Softball team for a \$100 donation for their field which there is no sign in place.

Motion by Brent Foster, second by Bill Clear Council donates \$100 to the CHS Baseball Team and will look into adding another \$100 donation to next year's budget for the CHS Softball Team. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

- **Request for donation from Headstart:** Mr. Boswell reported that the Headstart is having an event on May 16th and has requested a donation. Mayor Heninger requested Mr. Boswell to find out more about the event and report back during the May Council meeting.

Motion by Cathy Smith, second by Jim Bonham Council continues this matter. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

- **Personnel Policy:** The Committee met the previous Tuesday. Mr. Bonham reported that the Committee reviewed the Personnel Policy Rules Regulations and Grievance Procedures and determined that it needs to be updated.

Motion by Jim Bonham, second by Brent Foster Council refers this matter to the Town Attorney for review and to bring it up to date. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Wellness and Parks:

Town Manager Bill Boswell reported on the following item:

- **Master Plan Template:** The Committee met the previous Tuesday and requested more information regarding insurance requirements. No action has been taken.

Old High School:

Mr. Bonham reported that a lighting issue was previously discussed and an electrician did come and look at the matter but the left light is still having issues. He will have the light looked at again.

Motion by Jim Bonham, second by Brent Foster Council continues this matter. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Any Other Council Business:

Town Manager Bill Boswell reported on the following items:

- **Consider adoption of CPV Smyth Energy Center Resolution of Support:**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, CPV Smyth Energy Center will bring up to 400 construction jobs during the estimated 30 month construction period and up to an additional 30 full time, well-paying permanent positions upon startup,

WHEREAS, CPV's Smyth Energy Center will generate an estimated annual average of \$96 million in economic impact for Smyth County, supporting an estimated average of 286 jobs per year during construction,

WHEREAS, CPV Smyth Energy Center will produce an estimated total of \$50 million in annual economic impact in Smyth County, supporting an estimated total of 68 jobs annual during operations,

WHEREAS, CPV Smyth Energy Center will generate an estimated \$4.9 million in property taxes for Smyth County in 2017,

WHEREAS, CPV Smyth Energy Center will provide over half a billion dollars in private infrastructure investment,

WHEREAS, CPV Smyth Energy Center will substantially contribute to obtaining balance of investment and economics with the utility service territory,

WHEREAS, CPV Smyth Energy Center will provide needed electricity to the region using state-of-the-art generation technologies, substantial revenues for the region and many much-needed professional, well-paying jobs,

WHEREAS, CPV Smyth Energy Center will be located in an ideal location, on property purchased by the Smyth County Industrial Development Authority for industrial use, with proximity to multiple high voltage transmission lines, natural gas line, and all the amenities necessary to support power generation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 10th day of April, 2014, the Council of the Town of Chilhowie hereby urges full support of the construction and commercialization of CPV Smyth Energy Center, and further encourages our citizens, our region, and our elected representatives to join us in support of this regionally imperative energy project.

Gary L. Heninger, Mayor

Motion by Brent Foster, second by Bill Clear Council adopts the CPV Smyth Energy Center Resolution of Support as presented. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

- **Appointment to Mount Rogers Planning District Commission:** Mr. Boswell reported that a letter was received from Mount Rogers Planning District stating that Mrs. Smith's term will expire on June 30, 2014. He stated that it is premature to appoint someone at this time and recommended this matter be resolved during the June Council meeting.

Motion by Brent Foster, second by Bill Clear Council postpones this matter until the June Council meeting. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Mr. Clear reported that a problem is beginning to occur with large piles of brush within the Town. He stated that people are hiring companies to cut their trees and the company is piling it up for the Town to chip and they are getting bigger and bigger. Mr. Boswell stated that Council decided last summer that the Town is not going to pick that brush up. Mr. Foster agreed. Mr. Clear inquired if the piles are to be left lying. Mr. Boswell confirmed and stated that the property owner will be contacted. Mr. Foster stated that if the brush is privately cut by the homeowner the Town will remove the brush. Mr. Boswell confirmed. Mr. Clear suggested the home owner come to the Town Hall and create a work order and then gives the work order to the Public Works.

Mr. Foster reported that Relay for Life is going to be in Chilhowie on May 16th from 6 pm to 2 am. He stated that another off shoot of Relay for Life is Bark for Life and it is more for animals, dogs and their owners come out for a fun day. He reported that the folks trying to put this together have contacted every animal associated clinic within the area for support. Mr. Foster stated that the entry fee is \$20 but the fee will get them an adult tee shirt and a scarf for the animal. Every bit of the \$20 minus the cost of the shirt and scarf goes to Relay for Life. This event will be held on May 10th at the Recreation Park from 2 pm to 6 pm. Mr. Foster stated that they are requesting the Town to co-sponsor the event. The back of the tee shirt has the Town seal on it.

Mr. Foster stated that all dogs are leashed on a 6' leash or less and must have proof of shots and rabies vaccines. He stated that there have been a lot of people very interested in it from Marion, Saltville and Chilhowie. They hope this will become an annual event. Mrs. Little inquired if there will be any vendors available. Mr. Foster stated that they are working on obtaining vendors but there will be bowls and water available for the animals.

Mrs. Spencer-Hill suggested inviting the Girls Basketball team to the May meeting to honor them for winning the State Championship. Mayor Heninger stated that there are more State Champions in Forensics, Wrestling and State Academic. Mayor Heninger stated that they all should be invited and give them a meal before the Council meeting. Mr. Foster stated that the Regional Teacher of the Year Tina Cook should be invited as well.

Mayor Heninger announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 12th at 11 am in the Recreational Park. He stated that they are expecting a big turn out since Marion is not having theirs.

Gene Groseclose stated that he thinks the brush truck matter really needs to be looked into instead of a half a million dollar truck sitting out in the field especially now since it is the trash and brush burning time. He stated that the Town can find money to do other things then find the money to get this truck back in service as soon as possible; these boys do a good job. Mr. Groseclose inquired as to what the difference is between what the insurance company is giving and the cost of a new truck. Mr. Foster stated that it is about \$40,000. Mrs. Spencer-Hill agreed.

Motion by Brent Foster, second by Cathy Smith Council will move forward to replace the truck and rescinds the previous motion. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

Mr. Clear stated that he removed a big barrel of grease from Warrior Park and inquired as to whom it belonged to; it has been there since Apple Festival. Mr. Groseclose stated that he did not know who it belonged to but if they come asking about it he will refer them to the Town.

Motion by Brent Foster, second by Bill Clear Council authorizes the Town to co-sponsor the Bark for Life. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

Jim Bonham	Aye	Bill Clear	Aye
Brent Foster	Aye	Kelly Spencer-Hill	Aye
Lewis Shortt	Aye	Cathy Smith	Aye

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gary L. Heninger

Mayor

Marlene L. Henderson

Clerk